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The following information desired has been obtained on this request:

Stockholm in English to North America, Jan. 11, 1947, 10:00 a.m., EST-W

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(Text)

"The party groups in the Swedish Parliament have attended meetings at which party leaders have made addresses. The Prime Minister here, Tage Erlander, says he is highly gratified at the thought that the Government proposals have been subjected to close criticism in the Riksdag. This, he thinks, offers a guarantee that the resolutions approved will be the best possible solutions to the questions at issue.

"The Prime Minister hopes to be able to pursue a policy in which both the demands for full employment and for stabilized price levels could be met. The Conservatives will keep on demanding that the tax burden imposed on the entire Nation's wage earners, salaried and entrepreneurs, shall be lightened. Professor Ohlin, the leader of the People's Party, regretted that during the past year, the Social Democrats have adopted a new tone which has stultified debate.

"The Communist leader, Linderot, promised the Government his party's support if it really seriously intends to carry through the present program. The leaders of the Agrarian Party, Bramstorp, on the other hand, considers that a change of course is called for in the country's economic policy."

Stockholm, Swedish Home Service, Jan. 23, 1947, 1:00 p.m. EST-L

CPYRGHT

(Text)

"This morning 129 motions were submitted to the Riksdag. All the political parties with the exception of the Communists supported a motion to increase the appropriation for the voluntary rifle clubs to 1,680,000 kronor, which is 240,000 kronor more than the Government requested.

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Stockholm, Swedish Home Service, Jan. 28, 1947, 6:30 a.m. EST--L

(Text)

"A Swedish trade delegation left yesterday for the Russian Zone in Germany to negotiate with the Russian authorities about the purchase and delivery of various commodities. The Swedes are all going as representatives of their individual firms and are not commissioned by the Government. The Swedes are interested in the purchase of chemicals in the East Zone, also textiles and plaster of paris. In exchange they are prepared to export goods to the Russian Zone, such as tanning equipment."

SWEDISH JOURNALISTS, Gustav Johansson, Goesta Elving, Hilding Jungve Lundberg, and Carl Nycop, now visiting the USSR, met with Soviet writers Alexander Fadeyev, General Secretary of the Soviet Writers' Union; Leonid Leonov, Konstantin Fedin, Leonid Sovolev, Vera Inber, and others at the Writers Club in Moscow. The Swedish guests displayed keen interest in the works of Soviet publishers, and said that interest in Soviet literature has considerably increased in Sweden. (Moscow, Jan. 30)W

Stockholm, in English to Europe, Feb. 3, 1947, 1:40 p.m. EST--L

CPYRGHT(Text)

"The talks between the Russians and private Swedish firms are going on but it has not yet been possible to reach any important decisions, for the goods differ widely in type and are uncommon. Deals amounting to some millions (presumably Swedish kronor--Ed.) have already been concluded on the basis of the trade treaty which came into force in December 1946, but the deals now being negotiated would amount to several hundred millions."

Stockholm, Swedish Home Service, Mar. 17, 1947, 10:00 a.m. EST--L

(Political Review)

CPYRGHT(Excerpts)

"Truman's speech to Congress has aroused considerable attention in Sweden where the newspapers prominently feature reports from Washington and have published detailed comments on the President's statement... "The Communist paper NY DAG finally says: 'The President's speech is manifestly influenced by attempts to strengthen his party position in the face of the Presidential elections. But its consequences in the field of international policy may be disastrous."

"The President has now opened play with high stakes but such reactionary provocations as the attacks on the democratic coalition Governments in Poland, Rumania, and Bulgaria, running parallel with the watch being kept to safeguard the fascist regimes in Spain and Greece, and the semifascist regimes in China and Turkey, may perhaps serve to open the eyes of America's working masses. The latter are still keeping silent in the face of the increasingly adventurous policy that is being inspired by American high finance and the military hierarchy." "The newspaper concludes: 'If the intention is to invalidate loyal cooperation between the 4 Great Powers President Truman seems to have chosen exclusive methods for carrying out that intention. If he cherishes the idea that the United States will henceforth alone dictate European policy he may soon be disillusioned.'"

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Stockholm in English to North America, Sept. 14, 1946, 10:00 a.m. EST--W

CPYRGHT (Text)

"The 13th congress of the Swedish Trade Union Federation concluded yesterday after a week of deliberations. It was attended by many guests from abroad and for the first time, representatives of the Russian trade union movement were present...

"In an overwhelming majority the congress refused, however, to agree to a motion giving the Communist Party a small part of the political grant. The leading Swedish labor party paper, MORGONTIDNINGEN today observes that the Communist opposition played a very small part in the congress proceedings. They secured only a handful of votes and on the whole behaved mildly.

"Whether this was due to a sense of powerlessness, or whether it was a part of the new line of tactics, the labor newspaper leaves unanswered. It recalls that during the 5-month engineering strike last year, the Communists made extremely coarse attacks on the trade union federation leaders, and called for a clean-up drive at that time. There was no such talk on this occasion.

KALUNDBORG, Danish Home Service, Oct. 18, 1946, 1:00 pm

CPYRGHT (Text)

"In the Folketing today the Communist Riksdag Group asked the Minister of Defense on what grounds the General Staff is attempting to censor the daily press. The question is connected with representation by the General Staff made in connection with the so-called stratosphere rockets. The Communists had sought information on this matter through the Ministry of Defense but as no satisfactory reply was given the question is being brought up again."

Stockholm, Swedish Home Service, Oct. 19, 1946, 10:00 a.m.

CPYRGHT (Excerpt)

"Church council elections are taking place in Sweden tomorrow. The questions involved are not political, but ecclesiastical, and concern church buildings, meetinghouses, and the like. These elections have been deliberately separated from the Parliamentary and municipal elections, and are held in town when party feeling may be claimed to have subsided after the big elections campaigns.

"But party politics are entering into the church council elections at that. The Communists, who otherwise display no religious interest, are beginning to display activity on the religious front, and this is frightening not only real church people, but also others who are interested in municipal affairs, to consider the problems dealt with by the church councils."

Stockholm in English to North America, Nov. 10, 1946, 10:00 a.m.

(Sunday Political Review)

CPYRGHT

(Excerpts)

"Side by side with the Russian trade agreement there is another question that is being freely ventilated in Swedish political debates. This is the question of the Social Democrats' relations with the Communists, a subject which we touched upon in our last survey.

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"The Premier has now made a statement that is somewhat less ambiguous than what we were able to report last time. He has stated that the Social Democrats are not prepared to collaborate with the Communists so long as the latter are not thoroughgoing democrats. On the other hand, he has repeated his former bewildering thought that the Communists have only one way of proving that they are true Democrats-- that is, by dissolving their party and being absorbed by the Social Democrats.

"One is certainly not guilty of any unwarranted disrespect towards the Premier if one remarks that there does not seem to be a single person in the entire country, besides himself, who has understood this line of thought. The entire opposition press declares that the idea is completely distorted, and one cannot find in the whole of the Social Democratic press a single commentator harping on this theme with any words in his favor.

"I think I am right in saying that the Premier has no less than three times given expression to this peculiar idea, that the party which trevled its seats in the last election should seize the first opportunity of disappearing into the void as discreetly as possible. He may perhaps revert to this subject, and give some more enlightening explanation of his meaning. At present, we must content ourselves with stating his opinion on this point as a curiosity. It is matter of greater interest that he actually does not seem keen at present on working in cooperation with the Communists. There are, however, two things which in some measure detract from the value of this standpoint. One is the fact that the Social Democrats are actually collaborating to a certain extent with the Communists; for instance, on the Stockholm Town Council. The other is that the Premier has not, at any rate, expressed his intention to work against the Communists. These are circumstances which in some degree minimize the value of the explanation which he has thought fit to give."

CPYRGHT Oslo, Norwegian Home Service, March 21, 1947

"~~MORCONTINUINGEN~~, the Swedish Government paper, writes that a considerable anti-Government and antiworker campaign is afoot in Sweden. It is alleged that the Government has planned to ration more goods and another allegation says that the Government plans to freeze half the Nation's deposits so that it is best to withdraw money. The paper writes that this underground propaganda tries to create panic among the Swedish people. It is probably true that opinions in the country are clashing more than they did before but at the same time the Government party is rallying more firmly behind the Government."

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